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ing covers of wood, and which are said to answer the purpose perfectly, both of preventing loss by evaporation and keeping the water sweet."

MARCH 16TH, 1850. (Stated Meeting.)

The REV. HUMPHREY LLOYD, D.D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

The Secretary of the Academy read the following Report from the Council :

During the past year the first part of the twenty-second volume of the Transactions of the Academy has been published. The second part of the volume is nearly completed, and a copy of it, in sheets, is now laid on the table of the Academy. The Proceedings have also appeared as usual, although we regret to say, that, owing to some temporary difficulties, the Proceedings of three or four of our late Meetings are still in arrear.

The Museum of the Academy was honoured in the month of August last by a private visit from His Royal Highness the Prince Albert, accompanied by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and several other distinguished noblemen. His Royal Highness was pleased to take a very great interest in the antiquities exhibited to him; and on leaving the Museum expressed much gratification with the collection.

The Committee of Science have been engaged for the last few months in the consideration of a measure of considerable importance, of which the substance has already been laid before you. They have proposed to the Council to organize, under the auspices of the Academy, a system of meteorological observations in Ireland, similar to that which has been recently carried out in various parts of Germany. They have shewn that Ireland, from its geographical position, and other causes, affords a peculiarly favourable field for such observations; and there is every reason to hope that if the proposed

arrangements can be carried into effect, a most valuable body of information, furnishing materials for the solution of some very important meteorological problems still undecided, may, in a few years, be collected in this country, at a trifling expense.

The Council had, therefore, no hesitation in recommending this proposal to your adoption, and having obtained your sanction, they have taken steps to bring the subject under the notice of those individuals and public bodies whose co-operation is necessary to the success of the undertaking.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Robinson, as President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, has also directed the attention of your Council to a subject of great importance, namely, the reduction of the heights in the maps published by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, to the level of the mean tide. The subject was referred to the Committee of Science, and upon the recommendations made in their Report, your Council have agreed to the following resolutions :

“ That the levels of the beach marks, erected during the progress of the levelling operations undertaken in connexion with the tidal observations round the coast of Ireland, be published in detail.

“ That the levels of the new edition in the Ordnance Maps of Ireland be referred to the mean tide, in case the work be not already too far advanced, to render such an alteration inexpedient.

“ That the height of the mean tide, above the Ordnance zero plane, be engrossed on each sheet of the old edition.”

The Council have also taken steps for the publication of a Catalogue of your Museum, and have requested Dr. Petrie to undertake this task, under the superintendence of the Committee of Publication. They propose to print, in the first instance, such a Catalogue of the Museum as will assist the public or the student in the intelligent examination of its contents; with such descriptions only as are necessary for identifying the several articles, referring them to some judicious classification, putting on record their history, and ascertaining their probable dates. It is hoped that this may be done within the limits of an octavo volume, of about 300 or 350 pages; and it is proposed to illustrate and

assist the description of the several articles by a few well executed wood-cuts, representing such of them as are unique or especially remarkable, or which may be considered typical of a class.

Dr. Petrie has fully entered into the views of the Council on this subject, and has kindly consented to undertake the work, although the limited funds at the disposal of the Academy have compelled the Council to offer him a remuneration which they cannot but feel to be much below the real value of his services.

With a view to the preparation of the catalogue, the whole of the Museum has been newly arranged by Mr. Clibborn; and many articles of value and interest, which had formerly been concealed in drawers, have now been brought to light, and properly displayed in the room.

During the past year seven Honorary and fifteen Ordinary Members have been elected by the Academy. The following are our new Honorary Members:

His Royal Highness the Prince Albert.	Carl Reickhard Lepsius.
Alexander Von Humboldt.	Francois Pierre Guillaume Guizot.
Jacob Grimm.	Leopold Ranke.
Franz Bopp.	

The following are the names of the Ordinary Members elected into the Academy during the past year.

Daniel Fred. Brady, Esq., M.D.	Chichester Samuel Fortescue,
Benjamin Lee Guinness, Esq.	Esq., M. P.
Henry Kennedy, Esq., M.D.	Charles Fox, Esq.
Hon. Thomas Vesey, Esq., M.P.	Alexander Gordon Mellville,
William Fraser, Esq.	Esq., M. D.
William H. Luscombe, Esq.	Christopher Moore, Esq.
Lord William Fitzgerald.	Wellington A. Purdon, Esq.
Rev. Henry King, LL. D.	Sir Robert Gore Booth, Bart.,
Charles George Fairfield, Esq.	M. P.

We have lost by death during the past year six Honorary and eight Ordinary Members.

The Honorary Members deceased are the following :—

MARIA EDGEWORTH.

COUNT GRABERG.

SIR GRAVES CHAMNEY HAUGHTON.

The RIGHT REV. EDWARD STANLEY, Lord Bishop of Norwich.

DR. JACQUINE D'ACOSTA MACEDO.

WILLIAM REID CLANNY, M. D.

These are names that need no eulogy, and many of them have left a blank in the world of letters that must long remain to remind us of their loss.

MISS EDGEWORTH was one of the few female writers who have been admitted to the distinction of being elected Honorary Members of the Academy ; her writings are in everybody's hands, and have done more, perhaps, than those of any other author of our day, to raise the moral tone of our lighter literature, to diffuse correct views on the nature of intellectual education, and to bring forward in a popular and favourable manner the character, peculiar circumstances, and wants of the Irish people. Miss Edgeworth closed her long and useful life at Edgeworthstown, in May last, regretted by the public, and mourned by all who had the pleasure and privilege of her acquaintance.

SIR GRAVES C. HAUGHTON died on the 28th of August last, at St. Cloud, near Paris, in the sixty-second year of his age. Although his life was passed in other countries, he was a native of Dublin, the son of Irish parents. His father was an eminent physician here. At an early age he was sent to India as a cadet, and distinguished himself by his knowledge of Oriental languages. On his return home he became Professor at Haileybury College, and received the honour of knighthood in 1833. He was the editor of the *Institutes of Menu*, in the original Sanscrit, and published a Bengali Grammar, a Bengali Sanscrit and English Dictionary, and several other works. His "Inquiry on the Nature of Language" was introductory to an intended larger work, which he unhappily did not live to finish.

The Right Rev. EDWARD STANLEY, Lord Bishop of Norwich, was distinguished in the scientific world for his attachment to the

study of natural history, although his only publication on the subject was an elementary one, a Familiar History of British Birds, intended for the use of young persons. He was for many years President of the Linnæan Society, and was also an active Member of the British Association. He was elected an Honorary Member of the Academy in 1836.

DR. CLANNY was a native of the county Down. He served as an assistant surgeon in the British navy, and was present in the battle of Copenhagen, under Lord Nelson. He settled for a short time at Durham, but afterwards removed to Bishopvearmonth, where he practised as a physician for forty-five years. Living in a coal district, where fatal explosions in the mines were frequent, his attention was turned to the best mode of preventing such accidents; and he produced in 1813 his well-known safety lamp, the first attempt to produce a lamp capable of burning without danger in an explosive atmosphere, an account of which was published soon after in the Philosophical Transactions. For this invention, which appears to have been prior by two years to the similar lamp of Sir Humphrey Davy, Dr. Clanny was rewarded with the gold and silver medals of the Society of Arts; and in the beginning of the year 1848, a number of gentlemen interested in coal mines, headed by the Marquis of Londonderry, presented him with a piece of plate and a purse of gold, as an acknowledgment of his valuable services.

Dr. Clanny was the author of many professional works, and papers in the Transactions of learned societies. He died 10th January, 1850.

The ordinary Members deceased during the past year are the following:

GEORGE CARR, Esq., died in May, 1849. He was elected a Member of the Academy March 16th, 1836; and although he was never on the Council, and took no part in the scientific or literary proceedings of the Academy, yet it will be in the recollection of many Members that Mr. Carr was always ready and active whenever any subscription was set on foot for the purchase of antiquities, or the preservation of our ancient literature; and that to him we are indebted for many valuable additions made in this way to the Museum.

RICHARD CARMICHAEL, Esq., was elected a Member in March, 1812, and served for some time on the Council. His eminence as a surgeon, and his contributions to the literature of that profession, have made his name well known in every part of Europe; and his zeal for the advancement of science, particularly in the departments to which his life was devoted, was manifested by the munificent bequests which he has left behind him for the endowment of professional institutions, and the support of medical charities in this city. Mr. Carmichael's death took place on the 8th of June, 1849.

WILLIAM MURRAY, Esq., died 11th June, 1849. He was elected a Member of the Academy in January, 1830.

The HON. FREDERICK PONSONBY died in June last; he was elected a Member in January, 1843.

LORD WALSCOURT died 28th May, 1849; he was elected a Member of the Academy in November, 1844.

The REV. JOHN CONNELL, Chaplain of the Royal Hospital, Dublin, died at Bath in October last. He was a Member of the Academy since January, 1846.

SIR RICHARD MORRISON, elected a Member in January, 1835, died in October, 1849.

The REV. CHARLES RICHARD ELINGTON, D. D., Regius Professor of Divinity in the University, died at Armagh, January 18, 1850. He had been a Member of the Academy since May, 1816, and was for years an active and useful Member of Council. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity College in 1810, and resigned his Fellowship on being appointed to the Professorship of Divinity in 1829. His loss will be deeply felt in many of the public institutions and charitable societies of Dublin, of whose governing bodies he was a zealous and influential member for many years. Dr. Elington was well known and highly respected, both in this country and in England, for his learning and theological attainments; and his edition of Ussher's works will continue to preserve his memory in connexion with one of the greatest names of our national literature. It is matter of congratulation to his friends, that Dr. Elington was permitted to live until after he had completed his *Life of Archbishop Ussher*, a work of high and increasing reputation, that reflects the utmost credit on the learning, the industry, and ability

of the author, and will doubtless hold a permanent place in the historical literature of Ireland.

IT WAS RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Council be adopted, and printed in the Proceedings.

The Ballot for the annual election having closed, the Scrutineers reported that the following gentlemen were elected Officers and Council for the ensuing year:—

President.—Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D. D.

Treasurer.—Robert Ball, LL. D.

Secretary to the Academy.—Rev. James H. Todd, D. D.

Secretary to the Council.—Rev. Charles Graves, A. M.

Secretary of Foreign Correspondence.—Rev. Samuel Butcher, D. D.

Librarian.—Rev. William H. Drummond, D. D.

Clerk and Assistant Librarian.—Edward Clibborn.

Committee of Science.

Rev. Franc Sadleir, D. D., Provost; James Apjohn, M. D.; Robert Ball, LL. D.; Sir Robert Kane, M. D.; George J. Allman, M. D.; Sir William R. Hamilton, LL. D.; Rev. Samuel Haughton, A. M.

Committee of Polite Literature.

The Archbishop of Dublin; Rev. William H. Drummond, D. D.; Rev. Charles W. Wall, D. D.; John Anster, LL. D.; Rev. Charles Graves, A. M.; Rev. Samuel Butcher, D. D.; Rev. Nicholas J. Halpin, A. M.

Committee of Antiquities.

George Petrie, LL. D.; Rev. James H. Todd, D. D.; J. Huband Smith, A. M.; Captain Larcom, R. E.; F. W. Burton, Esq.; Samuel Ferguson, Esq.; Aquilla Smith, M. D.